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TO: Secretary of State

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REFERENCE B: DEF 933965, 12 DECEMBER 1957

REFERENCE C: EC 9-6803, 14 DECEMBER 1957

MESSAGE IN IV PARTS:

PART I. TODAY WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF A SECOND LETTER FROM THE GERMAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE SIGNED THIS TIME BY STATE SECRETARY RUST, PERTINENT PARTS OF WHICH ARE QUOTED HEREIN.

QUOTE: SUBJECT: EQUIPPING OF THE FEDERAL ARMED FORCES WITH MODERN WEAPONS.

DEAR GENERAL RUFFNER,

DETAILED PLANS FOR A MODERNIZATION PROGRAM HAD TO BE POSTPONED WITH REGARD TO THE ELECTIONS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. A DETAILED AND EXTENSIVE PLANNING WITH POSSIBLY FAR REACHING CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE GUIDE ON EQUIPPING OF THE FEDERAL ARMED FORCES WITH ROCKETS AND MISSILES CONTAINED IN SHAPE DOCUMENT 154/57, IS NOW TO BE STARTED.

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-2- FRG-3266, DECEMBER 30, 3 PM FROM MAAG GERMANY.

IN ORDER TO GIVE THE RESPONSIBLE GERMAN AGENCIES A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES, THE ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES, THE PERSONNEL, TECHNICAL AND LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS THE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A PROGRAM, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE NECESSARY DATA BE RELEASED. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE MANY STILL OPEN PROBLEMS, I SUGGEST THAT CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE FMOD GET IN TOUCH WITH OFFICERS OF YOUR STAFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE ALREADY EXISTING GOOD COOPERATION BETWEEN SOME OFFICERS OF YOUR STAFF AND THE FMOD MAY BE CARRIED ON ON A LARGER BASIS.

I AM ASSIGNING THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL FORCES STAFF TO THIS MISSION AS RESPONSIBLE CHIEFS AND AT THE SAME TIME FOR THE

COMMAND SECTION: BRIG GEN PANITZKI.

OTHER SECTIONS WITH PERSONS NAMES (NAMES OMITTED BY MAAG) ARE:

ORGANIZATION SECTION  
LOGISTICAL SECTION  
TELECOMMUNICATION SECTION AND ELECTRONICS  
DEFENSE ECONOMY SECTION  
TECHNOLOGY SECTION  
MEMBER OF ARMY STAFF  
MEMBER OF AIR FORCE STAFF  
MEMBER OF NAVY STAFF

IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT MY THANKS FOR YOUR ALREADY EARLIER EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST US IN EVERY WAY IN DEVELOPING PLANS FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW WEAPONS, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU WOULD NAME THE OFFICERS OF YOUR STAFF WHOM YOU WANT TO ASSIGN AS DISCUSSION PARTNERS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE FMOD IN ORDER THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS MAY START SOON.

WITH THE EXPRESSION OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM,

SIGNED RUST. UNQUOTE.  
THE LAST

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TO THE BRIG GEN PANITZKI  
THIS DOCUMENT IS FOR YOUR  
USE ONLY

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-3- FRG-3266, DECEMBER 30, 3 PM FROM MAAG GERMANY.

THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE ABOVE QUOTED LETTER REFERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO REFERENCE B SUPRA.

PART II: THIS MAAG HAS DESIGNATED DEPUTY CHIEF, MAAG, AND APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBERS AS HEAD OF OUR MISSION HERE AS REQUESTED IN RUST LETTER AND IS FURNISHING NAMES 3 JANUARY 1958. AN EARLY MEETING WILL BE REQUESTED BY GERMANS AS THEY WILL NEED INFORMATION REQUESTED RUST LETTER SOONEST IN ORDER TO PROGRAM AND TAKE BUDGET ACTION IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. THE GERMAN FISCAL YEAR STARTS 1 APRIL 1958. IT WILL BE MOST DISTURBING IF WE ARE UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL DATA AT THIS MEETING IN VIEW OF EXPEDITIOUS ACTION TAKEN HERE FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFERENCE B. NOW THAT WE HAVE THE BALL ROLLING, I FEEL IT IS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE THAT WE KEEP IT GOING AS WE HAVE SO MUCH AT STAKE ESPECIALLY WITH THE GERMANS.

PART III: NEW BUT RELATED SUBJECT. ASSUME PLANNING IN GOING FORWARD FOR NATO RANGES TO TRAIN THESE MISSILE UNITS AFTER THEY ARE ACTIVATED AS AM CERTAIN ONCE THE GERMANS LEARN THE CAPABILITY AND OTHER DETAILS OF THESE WEAPONS THE QUESTION OF RANGES WILL BE RAISED, POSSIBLY BEFORE THEY MAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON WHAT TYPE WEAPONS TO BUY OR REJECT.

PART IV. DO NOT WISH TO BELABOR THIS SUBJECT BUT, FOLLOWING THE NATO COUNCIL MEETING THE GERMANS SEEM PEPPED UP AND ANXIOUS TO GO. IF WE CAN JUST RELAX OUR POLICY AND FURNISH INFORMATION ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS TO THE TOP MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN STAFF NOW ON ALL MODERN WEAPONS U. S. WANTS THEM TO CONSIDER AND BUY, BELIEVE WE CAN MAKE REAL FORWARD PROGRESS. RECOMMEND SUCH ACTION BE TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES. SIGNED RUFFNER

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